MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any idea as to the number of cases that are being filed by the people of Parur?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Yes. Quarterly statements are received, Sir. But the master is not such as to engage our attention at present. There is no particular reason why this question should be considered by Government just now.

Fares and charges in the State Transport.

21. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the passenger fares and luggage charges were last revised by the State Transport Department prior to 15-4-1116;

(*b*) whether any further revision was made since 15-4-1116;

(*c*) the reasons, if any, for the revision in both the above cases; and

(*d*) the results noticed by them in the collections after each such revision?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Passenger fare on 17-12-1115;

Luggage charges on 17-8-1115.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The revision referred to in part (a) was made in view of the rise in the operating costs. The subsequent revision was made to alleviate to some extent the economic distress of the public brought about by the war.

(*d*) There was a fall in revenue after the first revision and slight increase after the second.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the condition for increasing or decreasing the charges once fixed by the Department?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR: There is no fixed condition.

MR. KOTLALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the reason for raising the passenger fares?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR: Owing to War conditions, operating costs increased.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the expenditure for the control office is also included in the operating costs?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR: Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, may I know whether the operating charge is great because the expenditure for the controlling office is very large?

MR. P. S. KUPPUSWAMI AIYAR: No.

Insurance f articles in the Anchal Department.

22. *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any

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